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37 CFR § 1.136(a) does not apply.

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#### NOTICE

The applicants waive attendance at the Hearing scheduled for March 10, 2005, in Appeal No. 2005-0397 relating to Application Serial No. 09/529,722. Moreover, the Board is hereby noticed that a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed herewith (copy attached) such that Appeal No. 2005-0397 is being abandoned, without prejudice.

An Amendment to the claims is also being filed on the same date by facsimile to the USPTO Central fax number along with the RCE. A copy of the Amendment is not being submitted herewith to the Board however the same could be forwarded upon further request from the Board.

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The Board is requested to contact the undersigned if anything further is required with regard to this application or specifically Appeal No. 2005-0397.

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